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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: October 18, 1963

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FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS

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- 1-Mr. Mohr
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
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You will recall that on 7/13/63 the Attorney General advised Assistant Director Evans that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation he desired consideration be given to placing technical surveillances on Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Clarence B. Jones, a New York City attorney who is closely associated with King and involved in the racial movement. The Attorney General at that time indicated he was not concerned with the repercussions if it should ever become known that such surveillances had been put into effect and that he thought it advisable to have complete coverage. Although, when such a request was made of the Attorney General 7/23/63 he rejected coverage on King, he has subsequently authorized technical coverage on the New York office of the SCLC as well as the Atlanta residence of King.

A survey has now been conducted on the headquarters of the SCLC at Atlanta, Georgia, and this survey indicates it is feasible to install a technical surveillance on this place with full security.

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Memorandum for Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
- COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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OBSERVATION:

In view of the Attorney General's request that our coverage be as complete as possible and because of the communist influence in the racial movement shown by activities of Stanley Levison and King's connection with him, it is believed desirable to put all possible coverage on the racial leaders in order to obtain full information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install a technical surveillance on the headquarters of the SCLC in Atlanta.

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